BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY U S WEST)	ORDER GRANTING
COMMUNICATIONS, INC. OF A STATEMENT OF		INTERVENTION AND
GENERALLY AVAILABLE TERMS PURSUANT TO)	ASSESSING A FILING
SECTION 252(f) OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF		FEE
1996)	
		TC96-179

On October 30, 1996, the Commission received a filing from U S WEST Communications, Inc. (U S WEST) for approval of its Statement of Generally Available Terms. Parts of the filing are classified as proprietary by U S WEST. On November 6, 1996, U S WEST filed with the Commission a request for confidential treatment of the information deemed proprietary. Intervention in this docket has been sought by Dakota Cooperative Telecommunications, Inc. (DCT), MCI Telecommunications Corporation (MCI), AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc. (AT&T), Midco Communications (Midco), Telecommunications Action Group (TAG), Sprint Communications, L.P. (Sprint) and the South Dakota Independent Telephone Coalition, Inc. (SDITC).

On October 31, 1996, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of November 8, 1996, to interested individuals and entities.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-31 and Article 20:10 ARSD.

On November 12, 1996, at an ad hoc meeting, the Commission, pursuant to SDCL 49-31- 12.6, unanimously voted to assess U S WEST a filing fee not to exceed \$100,000 in amounts as requested by the Executive Director. It is therefore

ORDERED that U S WEST shall deposit an initial assessment of \$5,000 in the SDPUC regulatory assessment fee fund and shall deposit any additional amounts as requested by the Executive Director; and it is further

ORDERED that the Petitions to Intervene of DCT, MCI, AT&T, Midco, TAG, Sprint and SDITC are hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 15th day of November, 1996.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION: The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has

been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges	KENNETH STOFFERAHN, Chairman
prepaid thereon.	
	JAMES A. BURG, Commissioner
By:	
Date:	
(OPPIGIAL GEAL)	LASKA SCHOENFELDER,
(OFFICIAL SEAL)	Commissioner

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